
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6009

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By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Kastama, and Fairley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the protection of residents of long-term care
2 facilities; and adding a new section to chapter 70.129 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.129 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A long-term care facility or nursing facility licensed under
7 chapter 18.51 RCW must fully disclose to residents the facility's
8 policy on accepting medicaid as a payment source. The policy shall
9 clearly state the circumstances under which the facility provides care
10 for medicaid eligible residents and for residents who may later become
11 eligible for medicaid. Policies used by nursing facilities must be
12 consistent with RCW 74.42.055.

13 (2) The policy under this section must be provided to residents
14 orally and in writing prior to admission, in a language that the
15 resident or the resident's representative understands. The written
16 policy must be in type font no smaller than fourteen point and written
17 on a page that is separate from other documents. The policy must be
18 signed and dated by the resident or the resident's representative, if

1 the resident lacks capacity. The facility must retain a copy of the
2 disclosure. Current residents must receive a copy of the policy
3 consistent with this section by the effective date of this act.

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